Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(1) 902 candies and 72 piles.

(2) Teak Rs. 30 on an average.
Erool Rs. 20
Pullamaradu Rs. 16
Koramaradu Rs. 18
Teak piles Rs. 8 per pile.

(3) Rs. 19,412.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Have the Government realised this 30 rupees on teak and Rs. 20 on Erul from the sale of timber to any outsider?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the approximate rate derived by the sale of these timbers to an outsider?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—About 20 to 25 rupees on Teak and 13 or 14 rupees on Erool.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why is this difference, Sir.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon— Because first Class quality of timber is usually reserved for the use of the Government departments and only 2nd class timber is offered for sale to the outsiders.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—No first class timbers are sold to outsiders?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—It is hardly possible. Generally first class timber is reserved for Government requirements. It is only the second quality that is offered for sale.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar—Have the Government at any time realised 16 rupees for Pullamaradu?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—In some cases.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar—And Rs. 20 for Erool?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—When selected timber is sold to the public.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Have you ever realised that?.

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Yes, of course.

Guards and Foresters—Grade and scale of pay.

52. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

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(a) the number of grades of Guards and Foresters in the Forest Department;

(b) their scales of pay?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—

(a) 1. Forest guards 4
2. Foresters 2

(b) 1. Forest guard, 1st grade Rs. 30
do 2nd „ Rs. 25
do 3rd „ Rs. 20
do 4th „ Rs. 18

2. Foresters, 1st grade Rs. 40—60
do 2nd „ Rs. 25—40

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—How is that a forester gets less pay than a guard?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I presume the Hon'ble Member refers to the 1st grade of the Forest Guards (Rs. 30) and the last grade of the Foresters (Rs. 25—40). These grades were first recommended by the Special Finance Committee and it was on that basis these grades were adopted. There is an anomaly that in some cases the Forester who draws Rs. 25 in the second grade may have under him a Forest Guard on Rs. 30. That anomaly has been at the time pointed out to the Government. This will occur only in very rare instances.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Could that anomaly be got over by some means?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Of course, when any particular case comes up it is being brought to the notice of the Government.

E. Govinda Menon, Anchal Peon—Petition from.

53. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty. — Will the Government be pleased.—

(a) to print and place on the table a copy of the petition sent by E. Govinda Menon, the Anchal peon, to the Superintendent of Anchal on 5th Kanni 1111;

(b) to state what action has been taken by the Superintendent of Anchal in the matter?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) There was no petition dated 5th Kanni 1111 from E. Govinda Menon.

(b) Does not arise.

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